Safeguarding the interests of Indian nationals in Burma.

* 64 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what steps the Government of Madras have taken to safeguard the interest of Nationals of Madras in view of the disturbed situation in Burma and whether facilities are being provided to enable them to return to India, as was done on the occasion of the Japanese invasion?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The question of safeguarding the interests of Indian nationals including Madrasis, in Burma is one falling within the jurisdiction of the Dominion Government, who should be addressed in the matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether this Government have no interest when our nationals are being put to trouble in Malaya, Burma and Ceylon? Have this Government conceded all their powers to the Centre? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" We cannot deal with foreign countries. We have been dealing with them through the Government of India and we are taking all possible steps in this matter."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Have the representations from the Chettiyar community been forwarded to the Government of India? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir."

Petition from the Harijans of Mupparru village, Eluru taluk.

* 65 *Q.*—SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Collector, West Godavari, Deputy Collector, Eluru, and Tahsildar, Eluru, received any petitions from the landless Harijans of Mupparru of Eluru taluk, containing serious allegations of bribery and corruption against the head karnam of the Mupparru village;

(*b*) how many petitions and on what dates; and whether any enquiries have since been made; and

(*c*) if so, when, where and by whom and on what dates; and what the results are?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Petitions of some of the Harijans of Mupparru village of Eluru taluk were received by the Collector of West Godavari on 22nd August 1947 and 6th October 1947. The Revenue Inspector of Pedapadu firka held enquiries at Mupparru village on 14th November 1947, 20th February 1948 and 21st February 1948, and at Satyavole village on 18th February 1948. The Revenue Inspector is reported to have held an enquiry also on 26th July 1947. Regarding this enquiry a